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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 2, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are shown on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.